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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : John Montminy et al.
Applic. No. : 10/699,134 Confirmation No. 3469
Filed : October 31, 2003

Title : THREADED CONNECTION FOR CARBON AND/OR
GRAPHITE ELECTRODE COLUMNS

Examiner : Tu Ba Hoang
Group Art Unit : 3742
Docket No. : SGL 03/6
Customer No. : 24131

A M E N D M E N T

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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S i r :

Responsive to the Office action dated December 16, 2004 kindly
amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Amdt. dated March 16, 2005
Reply to Office action of December 16, 2004

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper.

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An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 15 of this paper.